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## **INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 987**

**DATE:** February 9, 2011

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Remedial Service Providers

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Remedial Services Transition Report to the General Assembly

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2011

The 2010 General Assembly mandated, in House File 2526 section 31, that the Department of Human Services convene a committee to review transitioning the remedial services program (RSP) to the Iowa Plan. The transition plan was submitted to the General Assembly. The transition plan and working documents can be found at the following: <a href="http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/RemedialServices.html">http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/RemedialServices.html</a>

The Department will propose rule changes to implement the transition to the Iowa Plan. The rule changes will affect Iowa Administrative Code 441-chapters 77, 78, 79, and 88. You may monitor the Department's web site for the proposed rules at: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/RulesPages/whatsnew.htm">http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/RulesPages/whatsnew.htm</a>

In the near future all enrolled RSP providers will begin receiving correspondence from the lowa Plan on the implementation of the transition to the lowa Plan. The services provided under the lowa Plan will be known as Behavioral Health Intervention Services. The lowa Plan correspondence will include contact names and numbers. It is projected that there will be a series of correspondence related to the transition. The transition will encompass provider credentialing, provider education, and LPHA education opportunities.

It is the IME's intention that the transition be as smooth as possible for the Medicaid members receiving RSP services. At this time the authorization and reauthorization processes remain the same. It is projected that the transition will be completed in July 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us">imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us</a>.